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DIEU ET MON DROIT

England — Proclamations — K. William and Mary

By the King and Queen,

A PROCLAMATION

Requiring all Seamen and Mariners to Render themſelves to Their Majeſties Service.

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WHereas divers Seamen and Mariners have lately left their uſual and ordinary Places of Abode, and have removed themſelves into ſome private and obſcure Places, endeavouring thereby to avoid or eſcape from Their Majeſties preſent Service: Their Majeſties therefore, by the Advice of Their Priby Council, have upon the preſent Extraordinary Occaſion, thought fit to Publiſh this Their Royal Proclamation; And do hereby ſtrictly Charge and Command all Seamen and Mariners remaining in any County of England or Wales, and not Liſted in Their Majeſties Service, That they forthwith render themſelves unto the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Their Majeſties Navy in London, or to the Commiſſioners of the Navy at Chatham, or to the Commiſſioners of the Navy at Portſmouth, or to Joſeph Fownes Store-keeper and Muſter-maſter for the Navy at Harwich, or to John Addis Store-keeper and Muſter-maſter for the Navy at Plymouth, or to the Bayliffs of Great Yarmouth, or to the Mayor of Hull, or to the Mayor of Newcaſtle, or to Robert Henley at Briſtol, or to Atkinſon at Highlake and Leverpoole, in order to their being received into Pay, and ſent on Board ſuch of Their Majeſties Ships as ſhall be found moſt expedient for Their Majeſties Service; And if any of them ſhall hereafter be found out or diſcovered to have neglected to obey this Their Majeſties Royal Command, they ſhall be Proceeded againſt with all Severity. And Their Majeſties do hereby Require all Mayors, Bayliffs, Sheriffs, Juſtices of the Peace, Conſtables and other Officers to whom it doth or may appertain, That they cauſe diligent Search to be made within all and every of their Precincts, for the ſaid Seamen and Mariners, and to Seize and Secure the Perſons of ſuch of them as ſhall be there found; And alſo all looſe and unknown Perſons whatſoever, who may juſtly be ſuſpected to be Seamen or Watermen, and to cauſe them to be ſent to the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Their Majeſties Navy in London, or to ſuch other of the Perſons and Places aforeſaid, to which they may moſt conveniently be ſent, in order to their being Employed in Their Majeſties Service; And that they ſend up to Their Majeſties Priby Council a Liſt of the Names of all ſuch Seamen and Mariners as they ſhall procure for the Service aforeſaid, together with the Names of the reſpective Perſons to whom, and Places to which they ſhall ſend them. And the ſaid Principal Officers and Commiſſioners, and other Perſons aforeſaid, ſhall give Receipts in Writing for the ſeveral Seamen and Mariners delivered to them in purſuance hereof. And Their Majeſties do hereby ſtraitly Charge and Command, That no Perſon or Perſons Whatſoever, do preſume to Conceal, or to further or favour the Eſcape of any Seamen or Mariners as aforeſaid, upon Pain that all and ſingular Perſons offending herein, be forthwith Committed to Priſon by the next Juſtice of the Peace or other Magiſtrate, and with all Severity Proſecuted, as Perſons Conſpiring againſt Their Majeſties and the Safety of the Kingdom. And Their Majeſties are hereby pleaſed to make known, That Money is already lodged in the hands of the Perſons above named, for Repaying the Conduct Money, and other Charges incident to this Service.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Fifth Day of *July*, 1690. In the Second Year of Our Reign.

God ſave King William and Queen Mary.

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